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SUBJ: NIAMEY CODERENGE ON RANIUM EXPLOITATION AND DEVELOPMENT

FOR AF/BLAKE AND AID AA/AFR BROWN

REF: A. STATE 224246 B. STATE 223824 (NOTAL)

1. GON CONFERENCE ON URANIUM EXPLOITATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
REMAINS ON SCHEDULE WITH PRELIMINARY MEETINGS STARTING  
SEPTEMBER 23 AND PLENARY SESSION WITH COMPANY REPS  
STILL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26. HOWEVER, ACCORDING  
TO RESIDENT FED REPS, GON HAS DISINVITED REPS OF  
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FED,

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND WORLD BANK, WITH EXPLANATION THEY WILL BE RECONVOKED AT SOME LATER DATE. LETTER WHICH FED REP RECEIVED TO THIS EFFECT REFERS TO FUTURE MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUT MAKES NO MENTION OF GOVERNMENTS ALSO BEING INCLUDED.

2. I EXPECT SEE PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE EARLY THIS WEEK ON OTHER MATTERS AND CAN EASILY TAKE UP POINTS IN PARA 5 REF A AS INSTRUCTED. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, BELIEVE DEPARTMENT AND AID MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER THESE INSTRUCTIONS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. POINT IS THAT GON HAS NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED EMBASSY OR OTHER RELEVANT EMBASSIES SUCH AS FRENCH AND GERMAN OF MEETING AND ITS PURPOSES NOR TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS IT TAKEN MATTER UP IN WASHINGTON, PARIS OR BONN. IF I RAISE MATTER WITH GON I WILL BE MAKING LINKAGE THAT NIGER HAS NOT YET MADE AND RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT MEETING TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INVITED AND ON SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE AS YET NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN INFORMED.

3. FURTHER, SUCH INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME MIGHT WELL REINFORCE ALL TOO PREVALENT IMPRESSION IN MINDS OF PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AND OTHERS IN GON OF CLOSE LINKAGE BETWEEN US INVESTORS IN NIGER AND AMERICAN EMBASSY. GON LEADERS TEND TO THINK WE HAVE COMPANIES LIKE TEXACO AND ESSO IN OUR HIP POCKET. JIM BACKUS OF ESSO IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND WE WILL ASSIST HIM AS BEST WE CAN IN HIS FORTHCOMING MEETINGS HERE. HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER IT PRUDENT OFFICIALLY TO GET OUT AHEAD OF ESSO AND WHETHER IT NOT BETTER LET ESSO, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE, FIELD GON INITIATIVE ON ITS OWN.

4. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT AND AID STILL FEEL WE SHOULD HEAD GON OFF AT PASS, FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE TO WEIGH IN, ESPECIALLY AS KOUNTCHE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN URANIUM CONFERENCE. IN THIS EVENT SUGGEST MAKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITION POINT TO KOUNTCHE TO EFFECT THAT PROJECTS LIKE TAHOUA - ARLIT ROAD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN FRAMEWORK OF LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THIS WILL REQUIRE MASSIVE FINANCING WHICH CAN ONLY BE MOBILIZED BY MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. THIS MIGHT ACCORDINGLY BE PROJECT WHICH GON MIGHT DESIGNATE AS A NIGER PRIORITY NEED TO CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL. FYI. OECD MISSION IS IN TOWN THIS WEEK AND PURPOSES OF CLUB ARE FRESH IN MIND

OF GON LEADERS. END FYI. HECK

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